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Moscow protests U.N. staff move

MOSCOW — The Kremlin countered a U.S. order to cut Soviet staff at the United Nations in New York with an official protest yesterday, warning Washington that its "illegitimate demand" could jeopardize U.S.-Soviet relations and the next summit.

The official news agency Tass distributed a text of Moscow's protest to the United States. Parts of it were read on Radio Moscow. It accuses the United States of violating international agreements on the United Nations and denies U.S. accusations that spies are among the Soviets' 275 U.N. employees.